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SENATOR WARNER: I will do that on Select File.

SPEAKER: We will withdraw that one for you.

CLERK: OK, Mr. President, I move to indefinitely postpone LB 142. Signed Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER: All right. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I won't go into my philosophy as related to human beings hunting non-human non-rational creatures but since they must hunt, it is better that they hunt those than that they hunt other human beings. I am opposed to this bill and my motion is to try to dispose of the bill as quickly and as expeditiously as some people would like to dispose of this harmless little creature known as the morning dove. I will let that suffice as my opening. I will see what arguments are given in opposition to the motion to determine whether I ought to give a closing.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I will make my speech as short as his. I oppose the motion. It is about time we address the issue. Now that we have made it a bill that Senator Dickinson is in love with, let's dispose of Senator Chambers' motion and move the bill across.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I was visiting with a group of ladies one time and they said they thought it was very inhuman to take any life for the feed of other animal. The human being is an animal and we just had a hot beef sandwich. We took some life of some animal to have that hot beef sandwich. Senator Chambers, it is kind of nice to know that a dove and a cow do have a different space than human beings.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I expected the kill motion and I expected it from where it came. Senator Chambers is against all hunting, of hunting any bird or animal and, of course, he is one of the few people I know that feels that way. The dove, of course, is a migratory bird that is hunted in many, many states. The federal government sets the time limit, like say, I mean, they have 30 days or 60 days, whatever it is, and they give the states the option of they have to have the season the 30 days or 60 days, whatever it is, between, we will just say, August to October. The state gets to pick the actual 30 days. The federal government sets the bag limit. The states can...they cannot extend the days. They cannot extend the bag limit but they can shorten the days and they can shorten the bag limit. This is all regulated by the Federal Fish and Wildlife like the migratory waterfowl and it is a bird that has been increasing in the North American continent. It is a tricky bird to hunt. It takes a lot of good shooting. I will venture to say that anyone around here within the hearing of my voice would do very well, if he can get over five out of a box of shells on the flight, of course, and